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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action of September 30, 2002, the time for a response to which has been extended to and through January 30, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

✓ Cancel claim 38 without prejudice.

21. An industrial process for preparing a heterologous protein, comprising:

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- (1) introducing a suitable system for expressing heterologous proteins into an *E. coli* strain W host cell, wherein said suitable system for expressing heterologous proteins comprises a  $P_{lrp}$  promoter; and